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In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2006_0825A
Toshikazu NAKAMURA et al. : **Confirmation No. 1561**
Serial No. 10/582,973 : Group Art Unit 1647
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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2009, Applicants note that in the RCE filed September 8, 2009 there was a Request for a three month Suspension of Action with the appropriate fee. Applicants further note that reference to such Suspension of Action was given on the first page of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the RCE of September 8, 2009.

It is noted that three months from September 8, 2009 is December 8, 2009. Thus, the present final Office Action issued September 25, 2009 should be withdrawn as prematurely issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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